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TOP STORIES

Kupchella to give "State of the University" address Wednesday, Oct. 18

President Charles Kupchella will deliver his annual "State of the University" address at the University Council Wednesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The University Council consists of the following who are employed primarily on the Grand Forks campus: the president, vice presidents, registrar, director of libraries, all deans, department chairs, full-time faculty (instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor); program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; the director of the Counseling Center; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the council may designate. The quorum of the council necessary for the transaction of business is 25 percent of the council membership (or 154 of the current 617 members). Council meetings are normally co-chaired by the chair of the Senate and the president of the University. The registrar is ex officio secretary. Council meetings are open to the public, and students, staff, and the general public are invited to attend.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

President Kupchella's "Wake Up to UND" talk airs Oct. 12, 14

President Charles Kupchella's Sept. 29 talk to the Greater Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, "Wake up to UND," will air on UND Channel 3 Oct. 12 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Oct 13 at 8 a.m.

Although this is NOT President Kupchella's "State of the University" address, he does provide an update on the University. He also talks about UND's status as one of the top 100 universities in the nation by many measures, and what it will take to propel UND into company with the country's top 50 universities.

The talk also incorporates short videos about the Center for Rural Health and UND's academic program in entrepreneurship, recently named the eighth-best such academic program in the nation.

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All welcome at Healthy UND meeting

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the Healthy UND Coalition meeting at noon Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. The mission of Healthy UND is to work in partnership to promote healthy choices by enhancing awareness, building skills, changing social norms, and creating a healthier environment.

-- Jane Croeker, Healthy UND Co-chair - Student Health Promotion Advisor, Student Health Services,
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Museum opens new exhibition with Oct. 12 reception

On Oct. 12, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., the North Dakota Museum of Art will host an opening reception for the new exhibition, "Introductions: Artists' Self-Portraits." The reception, which is free and open to the public, will include wine, hors d'oeuvres and informal gallery talks by various artists in the exhibition. The reception will immediately be followed by Betty Monkman's presentation, "40 Years of Art at the White House: From Jacqueline Kennedy to Laura Bush," starting at 7:30 p.m.

Regional, national and international artists explore the idea of "self.. Using paint, clay, wood, photography and fiber, 35 artists will unveil their self-portraits in the mezzanine of the Museum. They include Walter Piehl of Minot, Carol Hepper and Barton Benes of New York, Memo Guardia of Lima, Peru, and Zhimin Guan of Moorhead. The exhibition continues through Dec. 6.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 701 777-4195

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Alum, former White House curator will discuss art from Kennedy to Bush eras

White House Curator Emerita Betty Monkman, from Washington, D.C., will give the Elaine McKenzie Memorial Lecture at the North Dakota Museum of Art Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Monkman, in her lecture, "40 Years of Art at the White House: From Jacqueline Kennedy to Laura Bush," will present over 80 images and speak about the beginnings of the White House collection, how the collection has evolved, and provide insights about the personal tastes and collecting habits of past presidents and first ladies. "The objects in the house resonate with meaning, imparting inspiration and a glimpse into past presidential lives and significant White House events for each new family," says Monkman.

Monkman earned her bachelor's degree in history from UND in 1964. The Souris, N.D., native, worked in the White House curator's office starting in 1967, first as museum registrar, then associate curator, and in 1997 became curator. She planned and curated the first exhibition on the White House in 1992 and worked closely on other exhibits at the White House Visitor Center. She has written a number of articles on the White House decorative arts and has lectured throughout the country. Monkman is currently on the Foundation Board of the North Dakota Museum of Art.

In 1990 she returned to campus to speak at the Hultberg Lectureship, an annual event that brings accomplished women graduates back to campus as role models for leadership and career achievements.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive on the UND campus. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum Café is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays with lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information please call 777-4195.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 701 777-4195

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UND to host regional flying competition Oct. 12-14

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences will host the Region V National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA's) Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) Oct. 12-14. Three other flying teams (University of Minnesota Mankato, St. Cloud State University and the University of Dubuque) are expected to challenge UND for the title throughout the competition which consists of 11 events, four flying events and seven

ground events which test a variety of piloting skills.

UND has hosted competitions in the past. Regionals were held here in the fall of 2003 and 1999, and national competitions took place in Grand Forks in the spring of 2001 and 2003.

"I am pleased with the way the team is coming together this fall," said Mark (Monty) Johnson, faculty advisor of the Flying Team. "With the early regional date we didn't have as much time to prepare as we would have liked, but the team has a good mix of returning competitors and talented new people. It is always run well with good competition from the other schools in our region. The competition team is starting to gel and is ready to take the first step in defending the national championship won in May."

UND's Flying Team consists of volunteering aviation student body members who have made a commitment of time and effort to be a part of the team. The team participates in two competitions annually -- a regional qualifying competition and the national competition to determine the national championship.

The team is a member of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, the sanctioning body for the regional and national SAFECON competitions. SAFECON places a special emphasis on safety of flight operations. UND's Flying Team has won 14 of the last 22 national competitions.

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Biology seminar is Oct. 13

A biology seminar, "Signaling and Stem Cells in Maize Development," by David Jackson, associate professor, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Long Island, N.Y., is set for noon Friday, Oct. 13, in 141 Starcher Hall. The seminar is hosted by William Sheridan. -- Biology.

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Jim Sorensen presents next LEEPS lecture Oct. 13

Jim Sorensen, Energy and Environmental Research Center, will present the next LEEPS lecture at noon Friday, Oct. 13, in 100 Leonard Hall. His topic is "The Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership – The Role of Geology and Geological Engineering in Addressing Global Climate Change." The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science lecture program (LEEPS) brings nationally and internationally known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting-edge science and engineering. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance.

For more information, contact Joseph Hartman at 777-5055.

-- *Connie Larson, Administrative Secretary, Geology & Geological Engineering,*
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Juana Moreno discusses spintronics at SEM seminar Oct. 13

Juana Moreno, assistant professor of physics, will discuss her work, "Modeling of Ferromagnetic Semiconductors: Finding the Optimal Material Parameters for Spintronic Devices," as part of the School of Engineering and Mines Seminar series at noon Friday, Oct. 13, in 218 Harrington Hall.

"Spin-based electronic (spintronic) devices utilize both carrier spin and charge to transmit or store information. Ferromagnetic semiconductors are ideal candidates for spintronic applications. Dr. Moreno's work focuses on developing a reliable theory of the magnetic, transport and optical properties of dilute magnetic semiconductors, such as GaMnAs. Since the successful design of spintronic nanostructures based on

ferromagnetic semiconductors must include an understanding and careful analysis of disorder and spatial correlations, she also will discuss how these effects are included by using a new algorithm specific to dilute systems.

Spintronics is one of two research clusters being supported under the current North Dakota EPSCoR Program.

The University community is invited to attend.

-- Wayne Seames, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering, wayneseames@mail.und.edu, 777-2958

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Buddhist monk will discuss meditation

Ajahn Sudanto, a visiting Buddhist Monk in the Theravada Forest Tradition, will give a talk on insight meditation Friday, Oct. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lotus Meditation Center. It is free of charge and open to all.

-- Lora Sloan, Lotus Meditation Center, 787-8839.

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Law School hosts national conference on pedagogy of American Indian law

The School of Law Northern Plains Indian Law Center is proud to host a national conference, "The Pedagogy of American Indian Law," Oct. 13-14. The conference will be held in the Baker Court Room at the School of Law beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13.

Indian Law scholars from across the country will be presenting. For a complete schedule, please visit www.law.und.edu. There is no charge to attend the conference, and it does qualify for 10.25 Continuing Legal Education credits. For more information or to register for the program, contact Tahira Hashmi, at tahira.hashmi@thor.law.und.edu or (701) 777-2223.

The conference reflects on the pedagogical aspects of American Indian Law. The Indian law teachers look at Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock, Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez, and other cases in the Indian law canon in different ways. The teaching methods used by the more experienced Indian law professors who earned their bones in treaty and civil rights cases and in legal aid might vary a great deal from the less experienced professors, more and more of whom are Indians themselves. Professors who became interested in Indian law from their scholarship in constitutional law, property, federal courts, and so on might have yet more views.

The teaching of what is called Indian law to law students is a new art, beginning with Professor Ralph Johnson's first classes at the University of Washington (his teaching materials are still an integral part of many law libraries) and Monroe Price's Native American Law Manual, produced by the California Indian Legal Services in the late 1960s and early 1970s. There are well over 100 teachers of Indian law now.

Unlike the prior, excellent symposia at the Tulsa and New Mexico law schools, this conference would urge Indian law scholars and teachers to speak to each other. There are more teachers and scholars every year and there is still a lot to learn from each other, specifically related to teaching classes. Some of the panel topics are Teaching the Marshall Trilogy and Teaching Treaties. This conference also looks at the Indian law canon from law and literature, multidisciplinary, and clinical perspectives. In other words, it is a chance for Indian law teachers to reflect on the last 30 years and compare notes.

-- Rob Carolin, Director of Alumni and Public Relations, Law School, carolin@law.und.edu, 7-2856

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Live art auction to be held at Museum

The North Dakota Museum of Art, the state's official art museum, will hold its eighth annual Autumn Art Auction

Saturday, Oct. 14. This year's co-chairs are Chris and Penny Wolf. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with live music and appetizers donated by the Bronze Boot, Suite 49, Capone's, the Museum Café, and the Blue Moose. The live auction starts at 8 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, and \$40 at the door.

The 44 pieces of art are now on display at the Museum and online at www.ndmoa.com or may be viewed in the catalog. They will be auctioned by Burton Onofrio, who has run art auctions for 26 years in Rochester, Minn. He recently retired as attending neurosurgeon at the Mayo Clinic, and art has long been an important part of his world.

This season the Museum introduced more artists from Winnipeg, the center of a thriving art community. According to Museum Director Laurel Reuter, "I don't remember a time when as many young, ambitious, insouciant, and talented artists have sprung onto the scene at one time. This year Aganetha Dyck invited artists to bring work by her studio for me to see. Within several hours I met a dozen new artists, many of whom I now introduce to you. You might remember Aganetha's work with bees that was exhibited in the Museum last summer. You may also remember the cover of last year's auction catalog, a collaboration between Aganetha and her son Richard. This year Richard has an earlier scan in the auction. To make it he literally placed the lamb on the scanner bed and took its picture."

The auction is introducing the photography of Katherine Keck, a new member of the Museum Foundation Board of Directors who comes from Los Angeles. Other artists include Guillermo Guardia, a ceramist from Peru who is working on his second master's degree from the University of North Dakota. Ewa Tarsia, now of Winnipeg, emigrated from Poland. Milena Marinov is a Bulgarian who lives in Fargo and paints traditional icons in the style of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Zhimin Guan grew up in China as did Aliana Au. And thrown into the mix are artists born and raised in the region. For example, this is the first auction to include the work of Todd Hebert. He grew up in North Dakota, finished his BFA in art at UND, and went on for his MFA at the Rhode Island School of Design where Nancy Friese was his teacher. In 2005 he was named Emerging Artist of the Year by the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, Conn. Friese, also an artist with work in the Auction, serves on the Museum's Board of Trustees.

Reuter adds, "Our art community has flourished by welcoming ideas and people from around the globe. We also need our museum supporters and art buyers, those who enjoy looking and those determined to live with art."

Absentee bidding is possible by mail or telephone. Call the Museum at 777-4195 to order tickets (\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door), receive an Auction Catalog, or register for absentee bidding. The ticket price includes wine and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Auction is underwritten by KVLV and KXJB, Merrill Lynch, and Prairie Public Broadcasting.

The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks. Hours are 9–5 weekdays and 11–5 weekends. Call (701) 777-4195 for information on current exhibitions, the Museum Café, of the Museum Gift Shop.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 701 777-4195

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Grand Forks Master Chorale begins concert season Sunday

The Grand Forks Master Chorale will team up with the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale for "Uncommon Choral

Masterworks" for two concerts to kick off the 2006-07 season. The first concert is Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. The second is Sunday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead, Minn.

More than 60 voices will perform works by master composers. Jon Nero directs the Master Chorale, with accompaniment from Sara Bloom. JoAnn Miller is the artistic director of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale.

"We're excited about the opportunity to sing again with JoAnn and the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale. They are a great ensemble," said Peter Johnson, Master Chorale development director.

For the Grand Forks concert, the Master Chorale is incorporating a harvest theme of sorts, said Johnson. Audience members who buy their tickets at the door Oct. 15 can get advance ticket prices if they bring at least two canned goods per ticket. The collected goods will benefit the Grand Forks Salvation Army.

Tickets for the Oct. 15 concert are available in advance at the Chester Fritz Auditorium or via phone at 777-4090. Advance tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for general audience, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$7 for students.

The Grand Forks Master Chorale is supported through grants from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, the Myra Foundation, the City of Grand Forks Regranting Program administered by the North Valley Arts Council, the UND Department of Music through in-kind donations, and our many friends and contributors.

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Biomimicry talk focuses on innovation inspired by nature

Dayna Baumeister, education director of the Biomimicry Institute of Missoula, Mont., will be the featured speaker at series of Red River Valley Research Corridor lectures co-hosted by U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan, Northern Great Plains, Inc., North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota, and the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Dr. Baumeister has introduced the idea of nature as a model and served as a mentor to thousands of designers, business managers, engineers, environmentalists, as well as grade school, high school and university students or the general public just curious about the natural world.

Biomimicry is a new science that studies nature's models and then imitates or takes inspiration from these designs and processes to solve human problems. Velcro, perhaps the most well-known biomimetic invention, is modeled after barbs on weed seeds. Other applications include coatings, adhesives, lubricants, fabrication techniques, composite materials, intelligent fabrics, antibiotics and self-healing materials. Biomimicry is a hot topic in business as companies look for biologically inspired designs for their products and ways to reach new, potentially lucrative "green" markets.

Monday, Oct. 16

- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Fargo Ramada Plaza Hotel, Crystal 1 Room

Tuesday, Oct. 17

- 9 to 10:30 a.m., NDSU Century Theatre, Memorial Union
- 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., UND in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., UMC in the Bede Ballroom

Students will learn about careers that utilize biomimicry design and production methods. Faculty with an interest in biomimicry research will have an opportunity to get engaged with a network of researchers in

universities and industry. For more information call the Research Corridor Coordinating Center at 701-775-3354.

-- Gary Johnson, Assistant Vice President for Research, Division of Research,
garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492

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Cyber Security Awareness Day is Oct. 17

Security Awareness For Everyone (SAFE), a UND Cyber Security Awareness Day event, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union. The event will include numerous information security presentations, door prizes, giveaways, security awareness video screenings, and vendor tables. Presentations will be held in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Registration is not required, but you must be present to win the door prizes given away at each presentation.

The presentation schedule follows:

- * 9-10 a.m. -- "Trusted Platform Module (TPM) and Secure Data Sharing," Wave Systems
- * 10:30-11:30 a.m. -- "Law Enforcement Trends in Cyber Crime," Chris Lester, supervisor, Cyber Crimes Task Force - FBI
- * 10:30-11:30 a.m. (concurrent session in the River Valley Room) -- "Software Security in the Real World," Dean H. Saxe, managing consultant, Foundstone Professional Services (a Division of McAfee)
- * 12:30-1:30 p.m. -- "Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," Matt Schmitz, postal inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service
- * 2-3 p.m. -- "Introduction to Personal Internet Safety & Security," Dean H. Saxe, managing consultant, Foundstone Professional Services (a Division of McAfee)
- * 3:30-4:30 p.m. -- "Securing the Infrastructure," Steve John, systems engineer, Cisco Systems

For additional information, visit <http://safe.und.edu> or contact me.

-- Brad Miller, information technology security officer, 777-3587, or ITSecurityOfficer@und.edu.

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Aerospace to conduct aircraft accident investigation course

The UND Aerospace Foundation (UNDAF) and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), in a cooperative effort, will be conduct a two and one-half day aircraft accident investigation course at the Grand Forks International Airport Oct. 17-19. The course is designed to provide an advanced level of instruction to individuals who may participate in aviation accident investigations conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

"As unfortunate as they are, aircraft accidents are opportunities for crash investigators to learn more about the errors pilots and organizations may make that result in accidents," said Dana Siewert, UND director of aviation safety. "This course develops hands-on skills by recreating an actual aircraft mishap in a learning environment."

Over 30 airline pilots from around the United States and Canada are expected to participate in each course which will use actual aircraft wreckage donated by a firm in California. The wreckage "site" will be recreated south of the flight operations' facility and used specifically for investigative training techniques.

This course is also offered to a select group of aviation employees and a limited number of aviation students who have completed aviation safety courses at UND. Aviation aircraft manufacturers who have expressed interest in this type of course and training will also be attending.

For further information, contact Dana Siewert at 777-7895 (e-mail, siewert@aero.und.edu) or check out

Fall Career Fair is Oct. 18

The Fall Career Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Hyslop Multipurpose Gym.

The Career Fair is designed to showcase several local and national businesses to allow students networking possibilities. This all-day event is a great opportunity for students to connect with employers to obtain a job, internship, or co-op. The full list of employers is placed on the Career Services web site, www.career.und.edu.

Career Services is a department designed to further the professional growth within education. Career Services is determined to work to empower students to realize their dreams. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Career Services.

Disability Support Services invites campus to awards reception

Disability Support Services invites the campus community to our annual awards reception Thursday, Oct. 19, at the East Asian Room, fourth floor, Chester Fritz Library. A brief program begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a reception at 4 p.m. Each year DSS recognizes faculty, staff and student access champions who have made contributions to equitable access. Access champions are nominated by students with disabilities and DSS staff for doing an exceptional job of providing access in the classroom and on campus. Please join us.

-- Debrah Glennen, Director, Disability Support Services, dss@und.nodak.edu, 701 777-3425

Communicators Days set for Oct. 20-21

Communicators Days is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21. The schedule follows.

Friday, Oct. 20

- * 6 to 7 p.m., reception hosted by President Kupchella. SCOMM students, Communicators' Days panelists and moderators, the media, and members of the School of Communication community are invited. This is an informal opportunity for people to get to know one another. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- * 7 to 9:30 p.m., political discussions. These will give students an opportunity to engage in conversations with people in government, to learn how important issues of governance are to them as future journalists and, even more important, future societal leaders. This event is open to students, media, the public, and the University community. Confirmed participants include Bill Brudvik, Democratic candidate for attorney general; Dwight Grotberg, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate; Kristin Hedger, Democratic candidate for secretary of state; North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger; and Matt Mechtel, Republican candidate for U. S. House of Representatives. Moderators: Dave Thompson, news director, North Dakota Public Radio; Jack Zaleski, opinion page editor, The Forum.

Saturday, Oct. 21

- * 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., continental breakfast with assorted muffins, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, coffee, pop, bottled water, and bottled juices. Time for networking. Professional associations may wish to use this time for meetings.
- * 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. - FOI/Open Records/Open Meetings. This panel will discuss aspects of this important area of open governance and democracy, particularly as it relates to the media's role as societal freedom watchdog. There will be emphasis on North Dakota interpretation and application of the law. Moderator: Jack McDonald, attorney, Wheeler Wolf, and legal counsel, NDBA, NDNA. Panelists include Peggy Bellows, editor, The Forum; Mike Brue, assigning editor, Grand Forks Herald; Mike Morken, managing editor, news, KXJB; and Wayne

Stenehjelm, North Dakota attorney general.

* 10:30 to 11:50 a.m., What Is News? This panel will explore the question of what is news, probing such facets as: Does the media still produce news? Does it engage in synthesis and analysis? Or do too many journalists settle for simply recording and replaying? How do journalists determine what to cover and what not?

Moderator: Susan Mickelson, managing partner, SimmonsFlint, lifelong media consumer, connoisseur, and utilizer. Panelists are Darrell Dorgan, director, North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame; Jerry Fiskum, Red River Farm Network; Bob Kerr, general manager, WDAZ; Jaime DeLage, assigning editor, Grand Forks Herald; Jim Pumarlo, newspaper consultant/former editor of Red Wing Republican Eagle.

* Noon to 1 p.m., lunch (plated) with a choice of half a sandwich (roast beef, turkey, or veggie) and a cup of soup (same soup for all). Beverage (coffee, tea, milk) is included. Dessert will be a celebratory photo cake (photos of Communicators' Days workers, staff, faculty) from Hugo's.

* 1 to 2:30 p.m., The Effects of Covering Trauma on Journalists. Everyone who practices journalism for any length of time will have experiences with covering trauma: untimely deaths after prolonged battles with illness; violent accidents; violent crimes; the results of disasters. This is true whether the journalists work for large dailies, small weeklies, large broadcast markets or small, and everything in between. What effect does this have on the journalists, those with whom they work, and their media organizations? Moderator: Rosanne McBride, clinical psychologist and assistant professor, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Panelists are Cecile Wehrman, news editor, The (Crosby) Journal; Kevin Grinde, managing editor, Grand Forks Herald; Janel Klein, freelance broadcast journalist; Stephen J. Lee, reporter covering region/police/courts, Grand Forks Herald; and John Stennes, photo chief, Grand Forks Herald.

For more information contact Jacqui Lowman at 777-2581 or jacquelyn.lowman@und.edu. Registration is \$30, and available at the door. The event is hosted by the School of Communication. All events take place at the accessible Hilton Garden Inn, which is contiguous to UND, just off 42nd Street, next to the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center.

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U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Oct. 23-27. Visit our web site for additional workshops in October and November.

PowerPoint XP, Intermediate: Oct. 23, 25, and 27, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 361 Upson II (nine hours total).
Prerequisite: PowerPoint Beginning.

Create custom design templates, create presentation special effects, interface PowerPoint with Excel and Word, publish to the Web, review and broadcast presentations. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Shipping and Receiving Hazardous Materials: Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to noon, 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. Find out what your responsibilities are if you ship or receive hazardous material. If you fill out paperwork for a package, put material in a package, hand a package to a delivery person, receive a package from a delivery person, or open a package containing hazardous material, then you must have this training. Presenter: Greg Krause.

Introduction to Dreamweaver 2004 MX: Oct. 24, 25, and 26, 1 to 4 p.m. (limited seating), 361 Upson II.
Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse and saving/retrieving skills. Learn how to use Dreamweaver's graphical page-building interface to develop and manage static Web sites that feature text graphics, and navigation. Presenter: Doris Bornhoeft.

Back Safety: Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. The prevention of work-related back injuries is the primary purpose of this class. Back injuries are the most prevalent work-related injury in the United States. Lecture information will be presented on the anatomy and physiology of the back. The second half of the class will be activities and exercises related to the prevention of back problems. Wear comfortable

clothing and shoes. This will be a great class for anyone with work duties that include lifting, pushing carts, cleaning, and other physical activities. Presenter: Claire Moen.

Preparing for a Pandemic: Oct. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. Table top discussion on preparing for a pandemic. What everyone should know? Presenters: Grand Forks Public Health Department, UND Student Health and UND Campus Safety Security.

Records Disposal Procedures: Oct. 27, 10 to 11 a.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. During this workshop you will learn more about the process for destroying or transferring records that have passed their retention time limits. We'll review the system used, discuss why it's necessary to document, and take part in a hands-on run-through of the entire process. It's fun to clean out, it's easier to do than you think, and now's the time to do it. Presenter: Chris Austin, records manager.

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: phone, 777-2128, e-mail, U2@mail.und.nodak.edu, or online www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please include: (1) workshop title/date, (2) name, (3) department, (4) position, (5) box number, (6) phone number, (7) e-mail, and (8) how you first learned about this workshop. Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.
-- Julie Sturges, Program Assistant, U2, U2@mail.und.edu, 777-2128

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Scholarly Activities Committee lists application deadlines

The second deadline for submission of applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee is Monday, Oct. 16. Only research/creative activity or publication applications will be considered. No other applications will be considered at that time.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited funding available for Senate Scholarly Activities Committee awards this year, the Committee will be making awards based on the following criteria: official notice of presentation (for travel applications), number of SSAC awards previously received by the applicant, and years at UND (new faculty and first-time applicants are given priority).

The third deadline for submission of applications is Tuesday, Jan. 16. Travel applications will be considered only for travel that will occur between Jan. 17 and May 1, 2007. No other applications will be considered at that time.

The fourth deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007. Research/creative activity and publication grant applications as well as applications for New Faculty Scholar Awards will be considered. No travel applications will be considered.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007, is the final deadline for submission of travel grant applications. This deadline is for travel occurring between May 2 and September 15, 2007. No other applications will be considered.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. The proposal should be written with a multidisciplinary readership in mind. Avoid technical jargon and undefined abbreviations. Although the SSAC encourages submission of research/creative activity proposals and travel/publication requests, the Committee takes into consideration the most recent SSAC awards granted to each applicant. Priority will be given to beginning faculty and first-time applicants. Requests for

research/creative activity awards may not exceed \$2,500. The Committee receives requests for funding that far exceed funds available for awards; therefore, please prepare your application carefully.

Application forms are available at Research Development and Compliance (RD&C), Room 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on RD&C's Homepage (on UND's Homepage under "Research"). A properly signed original and eleven copies of the application must be submitted to RD&C prior to or on the published deadline. Applications that are not prepared in accordance with the directions on the forms will not be considered by the Committee. Please feel free to contact any of the current SSAC members for information or guidance when preparing your application. Their names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are available on RD&C's Homepage or by calling RD&C at 7-4278.

-- B. P. Bandyopadhyay, Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Mechanical Engineering,
bishu.bandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-4278

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University Senate agenda items due Oct. 19

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Nov. 2, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Agenda items are due in the Office of the Registrar by noon Thursday, Oct. 19. They may be submitted electronically to: lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu. It is recommended that some detail be included in the agenda items submitted. -- Suzanne Anderson, secretary, University Senate.

-- Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892

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Studio One features suicide prevention, sanitation engineer career

Learn about a health issue some consider as dangerous as cancer or diabetes on the next edition of Studio One. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide claims one life every 40 seconds worldwide. Some victims' families are raising awareness about suicide through an organization called "Out of the Darkness." Hear their stories on the next episode of Studio One.

Also on the show this week, a career as a sanitation engineer isn't always the dumps. Garbage truck operator Jeff Aambot explains how being surrounded by trash all day keeps him tidy.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University Television Center. The program airs live on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Nominations sought for honorary degrees

Members of the University Council are invited to nominate outstanding individuals for an honorary degree. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Dec. 1. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following State Board of Higher Education criteria (see SBHE, Policy 430.1):

1. The candidate should have had an association with the State of North Dakota. This association may be by virtue of birth, of residence, of education, of service to the state, the Board, or one of the institutions governed by the Board.
2. The candidate must have achieved a level of distinction which would merit comparable recognition in his or her profession or area of excellence.
3. The renown of the candidate should reflect favorably on the Board, the institutions it governs, and the State of North Dakota.

In order to avoid any embarrassment, no suggestion shall be made to any person to be so honored until the State Board of Higher Education has acted on the nomination.

Institutional criteria and standards for the awarding of honorary degrees at the University have been established by the University Senate. It is recommended that the following criteria be used in considering persons for an honorary degree:

1. Achievement of distinction in scholarship, or in comparable professional or creative achievement.
2. Recognized and outstanding service to the nation, to the state, or to the University of North Dakota.
3. Attendance at or graduation from the University of North Dakota, except as the individual is outstanding with reference to the preceding criteria 1 and 2.
4. Non-membership on the faculty of the University of North Dakota.
5. Scholarship specialization in an area in which the University normally grants an earned degree.

Procedures:

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the University Council.
2. Nominations must be accompanied by a factual dossier providing evidence that the nominee meets the criteria and standards established by the University Senate (Nos. 1-5 above). Factual compilation should include the following, in the order listed:
 - a. A brief biography;
 - b. A list of scholarly writings, research and publications;
 - c. Description of public service and achievements;
 - d. List of offices and positions held;
 - e. Other factual justifications for consideration.
3. The nominee's scholarship will be evaluated by the departmental faculty in the area of the nominee's specialization, such evaluation to be a part of the dossier presented to the Honorary Degrees Committee.
4. A nominee will not be informed that he/she is being considered until the nomination has been approved at the SBHE level.
5. The titles of honorary degrees shall be distinct from those of earned degrees at UND.
6. No honorary bachelor's or master's degrees will be awarded.

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, nominations and all supporting materials may be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 302 Twamley Hall. The dateline for submitting nominations is Friday, Dec. 1. -- Greg Weisenstein, Provost.

-- *Connie Gagelin, Administrative Officer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,*
conniegagelin@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2165

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Program terminations to be heard by University Curriculum Committee

The University Curriculum Committee will meet Friday, Oct. 27, to discuss the proposed requests to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Education with the combined major in Elementary Education and Visual Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Education with the combined major in Elementary Education and Physical Education. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in 305 Twamley Hall at 9 a.m.

-- *Connie Borboa, Admissions and Records Officer, Office of the Registrar,*
connieborboa@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4852

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Faculty can receive feedback on teaching

It's not too late to make plans to use the SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis) method for receiving

midterm feedback from students in your classes. The SGID process, facilitated by a trained faculty colleague, is a method of soliciting student perceptions about the progress of their learning. Since it is conducted by an outsider to your class, students are free to be direct, but since it is normally done around mid-semester, you receive the feedback at a time when there is still ample opportunity for you to consider any changes that might improve student learning. The SGID process is flexible enough to be used with both large and small classes, and yields information likely to be useful to both beginning and experienced faculty.

For more information about the SGID process, contact Joan Hawthorne at 777-4684 or joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu. If you would like to request an SGID, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu.

-- Libby Rankin, Director, Office of Instructional Development, libby.rankin@und.edu, 7-4233

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Summer leadership program applications now available

The President's Leadership Program supports up to two administrators each year to participate in a national-level summer professional leadership institute, such as the MLE and MDP programs at Harvard (<http://gsweb.harvard.edu/~ppe/highered/index.html>), the Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education at Bryn Mawr (<http://www.brynmawr.edu/summerinstitute/>), and the Frye Leadership Institute Emory University (www.fryeinstitute.org). This funding is for individuals already in administrative roles at UND who want to expand the breadth of their experience in anticipation of moving to another level of responsibility. To apply for summer funding from the President's Leadership Program, please send a formal application letter expressing your interest, your administrative background, the program you wish to attend and why, to Stop 8176 or victoriabeard@mail.und.nodak.edu by Monday, October 16, 2006.

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, victoriabeard@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4824

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Note policy on traveling expenses

UND is required to comply with NDCC 44-08-04 which states that "no elective or appointive officer, employee, representative, or agent of this state, or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or commissions, may willfully make claim upon, or willfully receive, any public funds for traveling expenses, while engaged upon public business, in an amount in excess of the allowed by law for such travel."

If UND is paying for in-state travel for a non-UND employee and the individual is a North Dakota state employee (employed by another North Dakota state agency or university), the reimbursement rates are limited to the in-state travel rates. Previously, non-employees, including those employed by the state of North Dakota (non-UND employees) were reimbursed at non-employee travel rates.

Following are examples of these types of situations:

- * An NDSU employee travels to UND for a business-related function and your department is reimbursing that person's mileage, lodging expenses and meals.
- * A North Dakota Transportation Department employee presents a seminar on campus and your department reimburses that person for their travel expenses.

In both examples, the rates for mileage, lodging and meals are limited to the in-state reimbursement rates (similar to UND employee in-state reimbursement rates).

Effective Sept. 1, 2006, UND added a compliance acknowledgement to all vouchers and direct billing of lodging forms. When completing these forms, the department is required to check the box indicating whether the individual is a North Dakota state employee.

Please note that the account number to be used on vouchers and direct billing of lodging forms is 623200 - Non Employee Expenses.

Departments should obtain the most current version of the voucher and direct billing of lodging forms from the Accounting Services web site: <http://www.und.edu/dept/accounts/forms.html> (the date indicated behind the link is the last time the form was updated).
--Allison Peyton, Accounting Services.

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NewsBytes now available online

NewsBytes, the Information Technology Systems and Services Newsletter, October 2006 issue, is now available. Please go to the ITSS home page, click on Publications, then click Current Issue. The current issue is also available in the Archive of Past Issues link; or go directly to the URL:
<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/itss/news/oct06/oct06.htm> .

- The October articles include:
- Blackboard Learning System Upgrade to Version 7.1
 - Cyber Security Awareness Day - Oct 17, 2006
 - Involvement Expo
 - ITSS Reorganizes
 - Network Access Control and Wireless Sites
 - New in the ITSS Computer Labs this Fall
 - Produce a Secure, Reliable, Professional-Intelligent Document...Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Professional
 - Self Training Materials Available On-Line
 - Software Licensing Program
 - Support Discontinued for Macintosh OS 9.x
 - Support Discontinued for Windows 98
 - Introducing New Staff Member: Todd Barrett
 - Introducing New Staff Member: Eric Stauss
 - Introducing New Staff Member: Annette Viergutz

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If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to drop a note to the above e-mail address. The UND-NewsBytes list is not intended for conversations or exchanges of ideas; it was created specifically for the purpose of notifying interested parties when a new issue of News Bytes is available. It may also be used to notify you of an urgent late-breaking news announcement from ITSS. Hope you join the list and enjoy the articles in NewsBytes.

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Applications available for Holiday Art and Craft Fair

Applications are now being accepted for exhibitors in the 28th Annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair to be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Union Ballroom. It is sponsored by the Memorial Union. Original hand-crafted work is eligible. Students are encouraged to participate. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3, or until spaces are filled. For an application form and further information, please call 777-2898 or e-mail bonnie.solberg@und.edu. The application form and information is also available online at

www.union.und.edu

-- Bonnie Solberg, Associate Director, Memorial Union, bonniesolberg@mail.und.edu, 7-2898

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Employees may enroll in courses at low cost

For just \$10.95 per credit hour, benefited employees may enroll in University classes. You may take up to three academic courses each calendar year, and may be granted work release time for one academic class per school session after receiving approval from your supervisor for release time during working hours. You can continue your education, earn a degree, or improve your skills. Staff members may work toward a degree; faculty may take courses for credit. Both faculty and staff members may audit courses. New employees may also take a course while on probation.

You can choose from hundreds of courses, ranging from management and sciences to languages and music, from exercise and ceramics to first aid and financial management. Here's how to enroll:

1. Pick up admissions materials, registration materials and a tuition waiver form at the Office of Admissions, 205 Twamley Hall (phone 777-3821) or at the Graduate School, 414 Twamley Hall (777-2784).
2. Choose the course you'd like to take. Prerequisites or other factors may affect registration.
3. Fill out the forms and have your supervisor/dean sign the tuition waiver forms. Return them to Admissions (undergraduates) or the Graduate School. Return the completed waiver forms to Admissions. The deadline for filing the waiver is Friday, Jan. 5.

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Cross railroad tracks only at marked crossings

The UND Police Department has received several reports from the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad stating that pedestrians have been crossing the tracks at places other than marked pedestrian crossings. There have been reports of people rolling under railroad cars, going between cars, carrying their bicycles and even golf clubs over the railroad tracks. Most of these reports have occurred around campus, and people should be reminded that they are taking their lives into their own hands by crossing the tracks where it is not safe. There are several large, brightly colored signs along both sides of the tracks that warn people against crossing and state that is a criminal offense to do so. The offense, criminal trespass, is a class B misdemeanor and has a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

At the widest area there are 25 tracks that may or may not have railroad cars on them. Since there are so many tracks in this area, it is very dangerous to cross for the simple reason that a person crossing the tracks may not know if there are other railroad cars that are moving. A slow-moving railroad car is probably more deadly than a speeding train. If a person should cross and be snagged by a slow-moving car, it is possible that he/she will be dragged for a great distance before getting free. The possibility of extreme injury or death is quite high. People have been killed on these very same tracks in those very same circumstances. Please use common sense and do not cross the tracks other than at the marked crossings, 42nd Street and DeMers Avenue, the Columbia Road overpass, and the Washington Street underpass.

The least of your worries is the criminal charge if caught crossing the tracks unsafely, as there is a very good chance that you may not make it across the tracks at all. Use common sense, use the crossing. — UND Police.

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Watch what you heat

The National Fire Protection Association and fire departments across North America observe Fire Prevention Week each October to mark the anniversary of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire and raise public awareness of fire safety.

This year's theme is "Watch What You Heat." Each year, more than 100,000 home fires involve cooking equipment. The main cause? Not paying attention. Kitchens are the number one place for home fires to start.

Kitchen safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If you must leave the room for even a short time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer.
- When finished cooking, turn off all burners and ovens.

For a copy of the NFPA brochure, "Watch What You Heat," please contact the UND Safety and Security Office with your name and address. It will be mailed via campus mail. Other topics in the brochure include microwaves, grease fires, oven fires, burn protection, and countertop safety.

Additional information is available at www.firepreventionweek.org .
-- Tim Lee, Fire Safety and Security Coordinator, 777-3655, timlee@mail.und.edu .

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Go Green Fridays, wear your heart on your sleeve

A new program has been started on campus. Wear your heart on your sleeve and go green on Fridays. Wear green clothing on Fridays to show your UND pride. Do your part to build the tradition of green Friday. — Athletics.

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Twamley Snack Bar lists menu for Oct. 13-20

The Twamley Snack Bar, fourth floor, Twamley Hall, lists the following menu for Oct. 13-20

- * Oct. 13: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Calico Beans, Fruit Cup; Grilled Patty Melt with soup; Sloppy Joe with Chips; Chili in a Bread Bowl. Soup is Chili and Italian Garden Vegetable.
- * Oct. 16: BLT Wrap, Minestrone Salad and Chips; Sloppy Joe with Chips, Hot Grilled Turkey Club with Soup; Soup is Harvest Vegetable and Chicken Tortilla.
- * Oct. 17: Cajun Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Garlic bread; Hot Grilled Reuben and Soup; Sloppy Joe with Chips; Soup is Potato Cheddar Chowder and Turkey Dumpling.
- * Oct. 18: Hot Beef Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli; Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Soup; Sloppy Joe with Chips; Soup is Tomato Ravioli and UND Cheese.
- * Oct. 19: Taco Salad Day with Chicken, Beef or Bean, Shells or Chips, Spanish Rice; Taco Burger, Nachos with cheese and Nachos with Cheese and Meat; Soup is Vegetable.
- * Oct. 20: Chicken Burger, Dijon Spaghetti, Salad and Chips; Grilled Patty Melt with Soup; Chili in a Bread Bowl; Soup is Clam Chowder and Chili.

Don't forget you can get your specialty coffee, Cappuccino, Lattes, Steamers and Mochas. Hot meal is served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

-- Tammy Kaiser, Supervisor, Food Service, tammykaiser@mail.nodak.edu, 777-3934

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North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe Specials

- * Oct. 12 – Entrée: Chicken Marsala or Greek Salad, Soup: Chicken Tortilla
- * Oct. 13 – Entrée: Lamb Kabobs or Garlic Shrimp, Soup: Cretan Vegetable
- * Oct. 16 – Entrée: Spinach Soufflé Mushrooms or Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Soup: Curried Fish & Tomato
- * Oct. 17 – Entrée: Spicy Walleye or Cobb Salad, Soup: Chicken & Chinese Dumpling
- * Oct. 18 – Entrée: Eggplant Parmesean or Pan Bagnat, Soup: Spanish Fish with Orange
- * Oct. 19 – Entrée: Stuffed Peppers or Caribbean Lamb, Soup: South American Chicken

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Take-out is available, and UND billing accepted. The conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195.

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>
-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, chulst@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, and receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Cardform. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Systems Analyst, Aerospace Sciences, #07-113
DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006
SALARY: \$32,000 - \$36,000

POSITION: Student Services Officer, Dean of Student's Office, #07-110
DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006
SALARY: \$37,000 - \$43,620

POSITION: Senior Programmer Analyst, NDUS HECN, #07-109
DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006
SALARY: \$48,000 - \$58,000

POSITION: Associate Vice President for Outreach Services & Dean of Outreach Programs, #07-091
DEADLINE: Internal applicants will be considered with the external. Open Until Filled (Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006.)
SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Aircraft Technician (variable schedule), Aerospace Sciences, #07-112
DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006
SALARY: \$24,000 - \$26,641

POSITION: Account Technician/Customer Service, Parking Office, #07-111
DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006
SALARY: \$19,000 - \$22,000

POSITION: Laboratory Technician, Biomedical Research, #07-107

DEADLINE: (I) 10/13/06

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$28,000

POSITION: Web & Video Services Technician (variable schedule), #07-106

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

SALARY: \$26,000 - \$30,000

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Complex Secretary, Housing, #07-105

DEADLINE: (I) 10/12/2006

SALARY: \$21,000 - \$21,500

POSITION: Receptionist/Office Assistant, Television Center, #07-102

DEADLINE: (I) 10/13/2006

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$20,000

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sun -Fri 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.) Facilities #07-108

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

SALARY: \$16,640 - \$20,000

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IN THE NEWS

Medical school professor receives national grant

Donald Sens, professor of pathology at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a four-year study of bladder cancer.

The \$1.4 million grant, awarded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a division of NIH, will fund the cancer research to be conducted in partnership with MeritCare Health System in Fargo.

"The short-term goal of the research is to improve the diagnosis of bladder cancer," said Sens. "The long-term goal is to develop a rapid, inexpensive and non-invasive screening test for early bladder cancer in the general population." The screening test would be a new tool to determine the reoccurrence of bladder cancer in patients who previously have been diagnosed and treated for the disease, Sens said. Bladder cancer is the fifth most common cancer in North Dakota.

"We want to develop a test that's more sensitive than what's currently being used," he said. Such a test "will help us spot recurrence (of cancer) earlier so it can be successfully treated. Pretty much, with cancer, the smaller the better." The test would detect early bladder cancer by determining the presence or absence of metallothionein isoform 3 (MT-3) in cells from a urine sample, Sens said. The collaborative research his team will work on is aimed at determining if MT-3 can be used as an early warning sign, or "biomarker," for the diagnosis of bladder cancer in new patients and the reoccurrence of bladder cancer in patients previously diagnosed and treated for the disease.

Those involved in the grant project, "Metallothionein Isoform 3 (MT-3) as Urinary Marker for Bladder Cancer,"

will investigate the role of arsenic and cadmium, known heavy metal environmental pollutants, in causing bladder cancer. Exposure to arsenic is known to increase the risk of developing bladder cancer, Sens said. Both arsenic and cadmium are known to increase the level of MT-3 in bladder cells. Seema Somji, a researcher in Sens' lab, has shown that both arsenic and cadmium can cause normal bladder cells to turn into cancer cells in the laboratory setting. "Our goal is to find out how arsenic and cadmium can turn normal cells into bladder cancer cells and the role of MT-3 in this process," he said.

"Like many other states, North Dakota has areas with increased levels of arsenic and cadmium," Sens said. "This initiative should lead to earlier detection, screening and understanding of basic biologic behavior in bladder cancer."

The grant reflects the recent NIH initiative to improve human health by increasing teamwork and partnerships in the research enterprise, Sens said. The new initiative supports interdisciplinary, translational research collaborations between scientists with basic and clinical expertise to advance understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of environmentally induced human diseases.

"The idea is to get the basic scientists and the environmental scientists working with physicians and other health professionals who deal with patient cases," he said. The federal government is encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to research that is believed to hold greater promise in unraveling the questions still posed by diseases.

This is one of the first grants that links the UND medical school and MeritCare Health System for the purpose of clinical research at the NIH level, he noted. "This is really a new collaboration." The project requires the active participation and cooperation of seven key clinical and basic science researchers at two independent institutions. At the UND medical school, faculty members involved in the project, in addition to Sens, are: Seema Somji, assistant professor; Mary Ann Sens, chair and professor; Lucy Zheng, assistant professor, and Xu Dong Zhou, postdoctoral research fellow, all of pathology. The lead clinical investigator of the research is Conrad Toni of the Department of Urology, MeritCare Health System and clinical associate professor of surgery at the UND medical school.

The clinical sample preparation, correlation with pathology specimen and the analysis of the MT-3 in the urine sample are under the direction of Jerry Baldwin, clinical assistant professor of pathology with the UND medical school and executive partner of pathology and laboratories at MeritCare Health System, Fargo.
-- Shelley Pohlman, Public Affairs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-7305

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Psychology professor listed in Who's Who in Science and Engineering

F. Richard Ferraro, professor of psychology, has been selected to appear in the 2006-2007 edition of Who's Who in Science and Engineering, which offers a personal introduction into the lives and careers of today's leading scientists and technological achievers and serves to provide useful background information to the research community.

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Grand Forks movie to screen in Wisconsin festival

The award-winning North Dakota-made movie, "Miss Mystic," is scheduled to play the closing afternoon of the 2006 "It Came From Lake Michigan" Film Festival. The festival, which runs the weekend of Oct. 20-21-22, features independent horror, science fiction, and fantasy movies, and is held annually in Racine, Wis. "Miss Mystic" will run at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Racine Civic Centre, 5 Fifth Street. More festival details

and a complete schedule of films and movie production workshops can be found at www.itcamefromlakemichgan.com.

“Miss Mystic” was made by UND film lecturer Christopher P. Jacobs, who has produced and directed five feature-length movies in the past five years. It stars veteran Grand Forks actress Lee Barnum and Jamestown College student Nicole Nelson (at the time still attending Lakota High School), along with Grand Forks Fire Hall Theatre regulars Dave Nash, Jared Kinney, and Sharon Reinowski Bures. Scenes were shot in Grand Forks, Lakota, and Devils Lake during late spring of 2004.

The movie puts a unique twist on the popular body-switching fantasy, blending straight drama and psychological subtext with some dark comedy, suspense, and a touch of the supernatural. A teenage girl is astounded to learn the truth about her parents, but she’s in for a bigger shock when her eccentric fortune-teller grandmother decides to swap bodies with her - permanently! The movie’s soundtrack includes five songs by Grand Forks rock band Whisky Sam.

“Miss Mystic” won the jury prize for “Best Feature” at the 2004 Forx Film Fest in Grand Forks, and received an Honorable Mention at the 2005 Subrosa Studios B-Film Fest in Syracuse, N.Y. Over the past year it has built up a modest international cult following, through both word of mouth and internet forums. Locally it is available for rent at Blockbuster Video in Grand Forks, Videos Plus in Mayville, and Take 2 Video in Fargo. DVDs of “Miss Mystic” and other movies made in this region can be purchased at the Empire Arts Center’s gift shop and at Budget Music and Video in Grand Forks.

More information on “Miss Mystic,” including photos and Quicktime trailers, can be found online by doing a web search on: [miss mystic movie website](http://missmysticmovie.com).

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